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Navy Base Runway Renovation Complete **Navy Lakehurst holds ribbon cutting ceremony for newly resurfaced runway**

29 October 2004 – LAKEHURST, NJ – NAES Lakehurst held a ribbon cutting yesterday for its newly paved runway 15-33 and newly paved taxiways.

The Westfield runway complex at Lakehurst consists of two 5,000 feet long by 150 feet wide asphaltic concrete runways. The runways are designated 6-24 and 15-33. The primary runway receiving the majority of traffic is 6-24. The Westfield complex was constructed in 1954 and had not been repaved for approximately 20 years.

Captain Mark Bathrick, base Commanding Officer stated “accomplishment of this one million dollar paving project completes a two-year, multiple runway renovation project that has considerably increased the load bearing capacity and service life of these runways. This increased capacity allows Navy Lakehurst to continue to support our Navy mission while also increasing our ability to receive larger and heavier aircraft. This also enhances our ability to support current (Army Communications and Electronics Research and Development Command – CERDEC) and planned (New Jersey Army National Guard helicopter consolidation and McGuire AFB C-17 Assault Landing Zone training) Joint military use of the airfield.”

Runway 6-24 was repaved during the summer of 2002. Runway 15-33 and the taxiways were completed during the summer of 2004. Both projects consisted of cold-milling 1/4 inch of existing pavement and replacing it with new 2 1/2 inches of bituminous pavement. Prior to paving, approximately 20,000 linear feet of longitudinal and transverse cracks required repair. These cracks were cleaned/routed and filled with hot crack sealant.

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The project also required an extension of the runout areas at the end of each runway. FAA requires a two hundred feet long runout area that we had on only one of the runouts. The total cost of the project to renovate both runways was approximately two million dollars.

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The attached picture is Captain Mark Bathrick, NAES Commanding Officer and the Navy Lakehurst Team responsible for the design and completion of the project.